

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

JUNE 11, 2021

SUMMARY NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary
Wendy Morris, Commissioner
Pam Smith for Lisa Lee, Commissioner
Cora McNabb
Kathy Sheppard-Jones
Kellie McCain
Gretta Hylton
Tom Buford
D. Brandon Griffith
Colby Thatcher
Steve Shannon
Julie Sweets
Catherine L. Buncher
Kim Ziegler
Clayton R. Carroll
Graham J. Maupin
Andrew A. Venetianer
Karen F. Herdina
Annette Jett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tina Bojanowski, Representative
Kim King, Representative
Julie Raque-Adams, Senator
Robert Napolilli
Tonia Wells

OPENING REMARKS

Deputy Secretary Carrie Banahan opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion to approve March 12, 2021 HB 144 quarterly meeting minutes with no amendments.
Motion carried.

DMS UPDATES

Pam Smith, Director of the Division of Community Alternatives with the Department for Medicaid Services provided an update on all Home and Community-Based Medicaid waiver programs.

HDI UPDATES

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Executive Director of the Human Development Institute (HDI), gave a presentation on current initiatives within HDI.

The Human Development Institute (HDI), Kentucky's University Center on Disability, is administrator for a five-year Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau in partnership with the University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University. The KY LEND Program is part of a national network of LEND programs. LEND programs share the same overall mission of improving the health of infants, children and adolescents with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental and related disabilities including autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). A major focus of LEND is to increase the number of professionals with the knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based screening and diagnosis as well as supports to individuals and families. To review additional information, please visit: <https://hdi.uky.edu/kylend2>.

The Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) National Training Center is a collaboration between the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the University of Kentucky, University of Alaska Anchorage, and Utah State University. Established in 2018 through funding provided by the Administration for Community Living, the center aims to improve mental health services and supports for people with developmental disabilities by creating trainings, resources, and highlighting lived experience of people with developmental disabilities and mental health conditions. By also serving as a national clearinghouse, they help provide access to the most current evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally responsive practices that address the mental health needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. For more information regarding learning opportunities or other activities and events, please visit: <https://www.mhddcenter.org/>.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Employment Committee

Dr. Sheppard-Jones, chair of the Employment Committee provided an update of the Employment Committee's initiatives. The committee is updating the Employment Matrix which may be found at: <https://hdi.uky.edu/>

Community Education and Outreach Committee

Karen Herdina, co-chair of the Community Education and Outreach Committee provided an update of the committee's efforts. In addition to learning about the KY-SPIN program, committee initiatives include the ongoing advocacy efforts to gain recognition for children in the First Steps Program who have summer birthdays. The committee is advocating for additional funding for those children who suffer loss of services during the summer months prior to local education agencies beginning services at the start of the school year.

Health/Wellness Committee

Steve Shannon, Co-Chair of the Health & Wellness Committee, reported the committee is addressing the need for reasonable accommodations for the Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) population in receiving medical services. The committee is advocating the addition of an introductory course to I/DD in medical training curriculum. The I/DD population still struggles with access to care and getting the help they need including emergency room visits. Therefore, the committee has adopted the following five (5) steps to address the need for additional training for medical providers:

1. Adding IDD to School Curriculum
2. Reducing healthcare and hospital costs for those with IDD.
3. Better Crisis Response.
4. Access to primary and secondary care for those with IDD.
5. Better Social Media presence.

NEXT MEETING

Deputy Secretary Banahan reminded members the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

MEETING AJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted.